

What is claimed is:

1. A drink dispensing apparatus, comprising:
  - a body having a drink discharge opening, a disposable sachet discharge opening, and a cup discharge opening;
  - a cold/hot water supplying unit mounted in the body to supply cold water and hot water through the drink discharge opening;
  - a disposable sachet supplying unit in the body for supplying a disposable sachet containing a premixed beverage ingredient through the disposable sachet discharge opening;
  - a cup supplying unit in the body for supplying a cup through the cup discharge opening;
  - an ice making unit in the body for supplying ice through the drink discharge opening;
  - a cooling unit connected to the ice making unit; and
  - a control unit for controlling at least the cold/hot water supplying unit, the disposable sachet supplying unit, the ice making unit, and the cooling unit.
2. The drink dispensing apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a water reservoir for supplying water to the cold/hot water supplying unit and the ice making unit.
3. The drink dispensing apparatus of claim 2, wherein the water reservoir is connected with an external water supply system through a water supply valve.

4. The drink dispensing apparatus of claim 3, wherein the water reservoir is provided with a water level sensor for sensing the water level of the water reservoir, the water level of the water reservoir being automatically adjusted in accordance with opening and closing of the water supply valve by the water level sensor.

5. The drink dispensing apparatus of claim 2, wherein the water reservoir comprises a water tank connecting opening for receiving an external water supply.

6. The drink dispensing apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a money device connected to the control unit for receiving and discharging money, whereby the control unit is entirely or partially operated only in response to the insertion of a predetermined amount of money into the money unit.

7. The drink dispensing apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a first selection button unit for selectively discharging the cold water and the hot water stored in the cold/hot water supplying unit and the ice stored in the ice making unit.

8. The drink dispensing apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a second selection button unit for selecting the disposable sachet containing a premixed beverage ingredient which is stored in the disposable sachet supplying unit.

9. The drink dispensing apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a second cooling unit connected to the cold side of the cold/hot water supply unit.

10. The drink dispensing apparatus of claim 9, further comprising a refrigeration device connected to the cooling unit and the second cooling unit.

11. A method of dispensing a drink from a drink dispensing apparatus comprising the steps of:

a. providing a drink dispensing apparatus having a drink discharge opening, a disposable sachet discharge opening, a cup discharge opening, a cold/hot water supplying unit, a disposable sachet supplying unit containing a plurality of premixed beverage ingredient sachets, a cup supplying unit, an ice making unit, a cooling unit connected to the ice making unit, and a control unit for controlling at least the cold/hot water supplying unit, the disposable sachet supplying unit, the ice making unit, and the cooling unit;

b. extracting a cup from the cup supplying unit through the cup discharge opening;

c. selecting a desired sachet

d. placing the contents of the sachet into the cup;

e. selecting a desired liquid beverage; and

f. mixing the desired liquid beverage and the contents of the sachet in the cup.

12. The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of inserting money into a money receiving apparatus connected to the control unit before selecting a cup.

13. The method of claim 11, wherein the step of selecting the sachet is done by pressing a sachet selection button on the body of the drink dispensing apparatus.

14. The method of claim 11, wherein the step of selecting the desired liquid beverage is done by pressing a beverage selection button.